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(CDU) "AUSTERITY POLICY," THE INF DEBATE, THE APPARENT END OF THE RISE OF THE DOLLAR, AND THE U.S. APOLOGY TO FRANCE FOR THE SHIELDING OF NAZI GESTAPO OFFICER **KLAUS BARBIE** BY U.S. ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS.

FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU FRONT-PAGES A REPORT FROM BRUSSELS THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN AN ENVISAGED PUBLIC HEARING IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BECAUSE OF THE "TENSE RELATIONS" BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE EC. "DREGGER WARNS U.S. AGAINST MAKING WRONG CONCESSIONS IN GENEVA" FRANKFURTER NEUE PRESSE (LEAD STORY FROM BONN) UNDER THE ABOVE HEADLINE: CDU/CSU FLOOR LEADER ALFRED DREGGER HAS WARNED THE U.S. AGAINST MAKING "WRONG CONCESSIONS" IN THE FINAL PHASE OF THE INF NEGOTIATIONS. POINTING TO THE CONTINUING SOVIET ARMS BUILDUP, HE SAID THAT IN THE FOREGROUND OF THE INF NEGOTIATIONS IS "GERMAN SECURITY." THEREFORE, THE U.S. SHOULD KNOW THAT THE BONN GOVERNMENT FULLY SUPPORTS THE NATO DECISION ON ARMS MODERNIZATION. DREGGER APPEALED TO THE USSR TO ACCEPT THE WESTERN DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS. HE REFERRED TO THEM AS THE "MOST COMPREHENSIVE AND MOST CONCRETE DISARMAMENT OFFENSIVE" SINCE WORLD WAR II. IF THE SOVIETS KEEP THEIR SS-20, DEPLOYMENT OF PERSHING-2 MISSILES IS INDISPENSABLE FOR THE SECURITY OF THE FRG. IN THIS MATTER, DREGGER FURTHER SAID, THE U.S. AND THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT MUST NOT LET THEMSELVES BE DIVIDED. HE AND CDU FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPERT JUERGEN TODENHOEFER CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE U.S. IS NO LONGER IN A POSITION TO MAKE UP FOR "DISPARITIES IN EUROPE" BY ITS INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES. IN THE FIELD OF INTERMEDIATE-RANGE FORCES, THE RATIO OF SOVIET SUPERIORITY IS 599:0. THERE IS SOVIET SUPERIORITY ALSO IN ALL OTHER FIELDS, INCLUDING SHORT-RANGE MISSILES, COMBAT AIRCRAFT, BATTLE TANKS AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS. THE STRATEGY OF FLEXIBLE RESPONSE WOULD LOSE ITS EFFECT OF PREVENTING WAR IF THE WEST COULD "ESCALATE ONLY FROM ONE INFERIORITY INTO ANOTHER." THE AIM OF THE SOVIET ARMS BUILDUP OBVIOUSLY IS TO BE IN A POSITION TO BLACKMAIL THE FREE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE, ESPECIALLY THE FRG. THEREFORE, DREGGER AND TODENHOEFER MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- (1) THE WEST CANNOT DO WITHOUT PERSHING-2 AND CRUISE MISSILES IF THE USSR REFUSES TO SCRAP ITS SS-20 SYSTEMS.
- (2) U.S.-SOVIET DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS MUST BE SUFFICIENTLY VERIFIABLE NOT ONLY BY MEANS OF EARTH SATELLITES BUT ALSO BY MEANS OF GROUND INSPECTION.
- (3) INCLUSION OF THE BRITISH AND FRENCH NUCLEAR FORCES IN THE INF NEGOTIATIONS IS OUT OF THE QUESTION BECAUSE THEY ARE "NATIONAL FORCES OF SELF-DEFENSE" WHICH DO NOT PROTECT OTHER NATO COUNTRIES."

FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (LEAD STORY FROM BONN): DREGGER HAS DISSOCIATED HIMSELF FROM ALL IDEAS OF COMPROMISE ON THE BASIS OF THE "WALK IN THE WOODS" SOLUTION AS SUGGESTED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO ALSO BY CHANCELLOR KOHL AND FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER. ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG GROUP, DREGGER AND TODENHOEFER MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- (1) THERE MUST BE EQUAL RIGHTS AND EQUAL WEAPONS CEILINGS WORLD-WIDE FOR THE U.S. AND THE USSR.
- (2) INCLUSION OF THE BRITISH AND FRENCH NUCLEAR FORCES IN THE INF NEGOTIATIONS IS OUT OF THE QUESTION.
- (3) ADHERENCE TO THE ENVISAGED "WEAPONS MIX" OF PERSHING-2 AND CRUISE MISSILES IS INDISPENSABLE IF THE USSR REFUSES TO DIS-

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MANTLE ALL ITS SS-20 SYSTEMS.

(4) THE SS-20 SYSTEMS MUST BE SCRAPPED RATHER THAN MOVED TO EASTERN PARTS OF THE USSR.

(5) U.S.-SOVIET DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS MUST BE SUFFICIENTLY VERIFIABLE.

DIE WELT (FRONT-PAGE REPORT FROM BONN): DREGGER'S CLARIFYING STATEMENTS OBVIOUSLY WERE ADDRESSED NOT ONLY TO BONN POLITICAL LEADERS BUT TO SOME MEMBERS OF THE WASHINGTON ADMINISTRATION. DREGGER SAID HIS POSITION IS IDENTICAL WITH THAT OF CHANCELLOR KOHL AND FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER. THE SOVIET ARMS BUILDUP "CAN NEITHER BE EXPLAINED NOR JUSTIFIED BY DEFENSIVE INTENTIONS." MOSCOW'S AIM IS TO BE IN A POSITION TO "BLACKMAIL THE WEST, ESPECIALLY THE FRG," DREGGER SAID.

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